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TO MR PATSY J DE MENO 56 CENTRAL STREET WALTHAM MASS

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY ROME, ITALY
DATED 22 OCT 1976

QUOTE

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TO: MRS. AGNES SHEEHY

8 BENNET ST.

WOBURN, MASS.

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TAGS: CDES, IT: (DE MEO, PASQUALE AND EDITH)

SUBJECT: DEATH CASE: PASQUALE DE MEO AND WIFE EDITH JOSEPHINE
DE MEO

1. REFERENCE: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BALESTRIERI (ROME) AND
SHEEHY (WOBURN, MASS.) OCTOBER 21, 1976.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO REFERENCED CONVERSATION AND IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SAME, CONSULAR OFFICER TRAVELED TO FORMIA SAME DAY TO
TAKE PROVISIONAL CUSTODY PERSONAL EFFECTS OF DECEASED AND TO
COORDINATE SHIPMENT REMAINS OF MR. & MRS. DE MEO TO JOYCE FUNERAL
HOME, MAIN STREET, WALTHAM, MASS. DECEASED WERE IDENTIFIED BY
ITALIAN RELATIVES AND ALFRED D'ANGIO.

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3. POLICE AUTHORITIES ADVISED THAT ON OCTOBER 19, 1976 MR. AND MRS. DE MEO WERE ENROUTE FROM GAETA TO TERRACINA ON STATE HIGHWAY FLACCA IN FIAT 850, LICENSE NO. LATINA 48412 DRIVE BY THE LATE GIUSEPPE ZANGRILLI. THE CAR SWERVED OFF THE ROAD FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON AND DRIVER AND PASSENGERS RECEIVED MORTAL INJURIES. MR. AND MRS. DE MEO WERE RUSHED TO CLINICA COSTA HOSPITAL (CASA DEL SOLE) IN FORMIA WHERE EDITH DE MEO WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD ON ARRIVAL AT 4:20 PM. CAUSE OF DEATH, CONCUSSION OF BRAIN, CARIDOCIRCULATORY DEFICIENCY. PASQUALE DE MEO DIED AT SAME HOSPITAL AT 18:15 SAME DATE FROM SAME CAUSES.

4. CONSULR OFFICER ARRANGED FOR MEETING AT CLINICA COSTA HOSPITAL IN FORMIA ATTENDED BY MR. ALFRED D'ANGIGCN FRIEND OF DECEASED; MR. PASQUALE D'ADAMO, MR. DE MEO'S NEPHEW; SON OF LATER, MR. FRANCESCO D'ADAMO; MR. DI SORBO, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR AND THE LOCAL UNDERTAKER WHO HAD MADE INTIAL PREPARATION OF REMAINS OF DECEASED. ALL PRESENT APPEARED RELIEVED, ESPECIALLY MR. ALRED D'ANGIO, THAT THE CONSULAR OFFICER WAS ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY CONCERNING FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AND TAKING PROVISIONAL CUSTODY OF DECEDENTS' ESTATE.

5. CONSULAR OFFICER DISCUSSED FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH LOCAL UNDERTAKER, FRANCIOSA E SCIPIONE, FORMIA, TELEPHONE 22187 WHO AFTER ARRIVING AT A REASONABLE FEE, SOMEWHAT LESS THAN ORIGINALLY REQUESTED, AGREED TO COMPLETE PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO BOSTON. TOTAL CHARGES INCLUDING AIR FREIGHT AGREED TO WERE 2,800.00 ITALIAN LIRE, EQUIVALENT TO \$3,222 AT PRESENT RATE OF EXCHANGE. DOLLAR EQIVVALENT MIGHT VARY SLIGHTLY AT TIME OF PAYMENT OF BILL DUE TO EXCHANGE FLUCTUATION OF LIRE. SUBSEQUENTLY CONSULAR OFFICER RECEIVED FROM THE HOSPITAL AND NEPHEW, PERSONAL EFFECTS, INCLUDING LUGGAGE AND MONEY BELONGING TO THE DECEASED IN THE PRESENCE OF THOSE PRESENT AT MEETING.

6. REMAINS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ARRIVE BOSTON OCTOBER 27, 1976 VIA PANM. CONFIRMED ARRIVAL TIME WILL BE FURNISHED TO US UNDERTAKER THROUGH PANAM AIRLINES.

7. EMBASSY PAID HOSPITAL BILLS AMOUNTING TO LIRE 40,300 (\$46.37) WITH ESTATE FUNDS TAKEN INTO ITS CUSTORY. FINAL ACCOUNTING, DEATH CERTIFICATES AND AN INVENTORY OF EFFECTS UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL BE PREPARED BY EMBASSY AND SENT TO RESPECTIVE NEXT OF KIN OF MR. AND MRS. DE MEO. VOLPE

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